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Brookhaven designates projects for unallocated 2014 HOST Looks ahead to 2015 HOST projects

BROOKHAVEN, GA, March 26 - On March 24, Brookhaven City Council approved various improvement projects throughout the City to be funded from \$3.4 million in non-allocated 2014 HOST (Homestead Option Sales Tax) funds.

"We're very excited that the taxpayers of Brookhaven will see their hard-earned tax dollars go to local projects and needed infrastructure improvements that they want," said Mayor J. Max Davis. "We're careful with budgeting, we've cut property taxes two years in a row, we have four million in reserve – and we're still able to allocate these funds. Thank you, taxpayers!"

The City's HOST funds totaled \$6.4 million in 2014 and City officials anticipate similar funding in 2015.

A full list of approved projects, as well as a priority list for 2015, can be viewed at the website at www.brookhavenga.gov/city-departments/finance.

- Public Safety (\$186,769): equipment; AEDs for all patrol cars; call boxes in all parks
- **Public Works (\$2, 047,900):** paving; sidewalks; master plans for individual parks, bike/pedestrian trail plan; North Fork Peachtree Greenway Master Plan; various corridor studies; and rapid beacon crosswalks
- Recreation & Parks (\$1,210,000): pool repairs; tennis court resurfacing; Ashford Park playground; Briarwood Park Bridge; Murphey Candler Park stadium repairs and batting pavilion (w/funds matched from Little League); Blackburn Park restrooms

HOST funds are generated from one percent of the seven percent sales tax collected by DeKalb County, and are divided among the county and the cities within it. Eighty percent of the HOST funds are distributed as property tax credit to homeowners and twenty percent for capital projects.